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UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan

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The United Arab Emirates' President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed has declared 2023 the "Year of Sustainability" ahead of the country's staging of the COP28 climate summit.

In a post online, the UAE president said that by hosting COP28 - which aims to reduce emissions responsible for global warming and deal with the consequences of climate change, in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement - the nation will keep supporting innovation in the sustainability sector. 2023 is the Year of Sustainability in the UAE," said Sheikh Mohamed. "Effective climate action requires a shared vision and collective will."

Indian customs arrest traveller from Oman with \$100k gold

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Indian customs officials have seized almost 1,800 grams of gold worth more than \$100,000 from a passenger travelling from Oman.

The undeclared gold was found concealed in a mixer, Delhi Customs reported on Twitter.

"Air customs have arrested one Indian national passenger returning from Muscat after six irregularly shaped gold pieces weight around 1749 grams valued at Rs85.5 Lakhs (\$105,586.51) were found concealed in a mixer. The said smuggled gold has been seized and further investigations are ongoing," the tweet said.

UoB graduation ceremony



Students at the College of Health and Sports Sciences received their degrees during ceremonies organised yesterday by the University of Bahrain for the 24th batch of students, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Yesterday, 566 BA Physical Education graduates, 170 Medical Laboratory Sciences BA graduates, 108 pharmacy graduates, and 129 diploma and associate diploma students received their degrees. UoB Deputy President for Community Service and Graduates' Affairs Dr Mohammed Saleh Al Ansari, UoB Deputy President for IT Services, Administrative and Financial Affairs Dr Osama Abdulla Al Jowder and UoB President Dr Jawaher bint Shaheen Al Mudhahki, congratulated the graduates on their achievement. The university this year holds 20 ceremonies for its graduates from January 19 to 29.

Quran burning draws global condemnation

Swedish politician burns a copy of the Quran near the Turkish Embassy

● Arab countries condemn Swedish authorities

● Turkey cancels planned visit of Swedish defence minister

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The burning of the Holy Quran outside the Turkish embassy in Stockholm yesterday drew strong condemnation worldwide.

The Quran burning was carried out by Rasmus Paludan, leader of Danish far-right political party Hard Line. Paludan, who also has Swedish citizenship, has held a number of demonstrations in the past where he has burned the Koran.

In the permit he obtained from police, it says his protest



A demonstration against Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Sweden's NATO bid, arranged by the Kurdish Democratic Society Center at Norra Bantorget in Stockholm, Sweden

was held against Islam and what it called Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan's attempt to influence freedom of expression in Sweden.

Several Arab countries including Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Jordan and Kuwait strongly denounced Swedish authorities for allowing an anti-immigrant politician from the far-right

fringe to burn the sacred book in Stockholm.

"Saudi Arabia calls for spreading the values of dialogue, tolerance, and coexistence, and rejects hatred and extremism," the Saudi Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

In a statement, the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFAIC)

Serious provocation, says Bahrain

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Bahrain yesterday expressed strong condemnation to Swedish authorities for allowing an extremist to burn Holy Quran before the Turkish embassy in Stockholm.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs termed the incident as a serious provocation

and invited all countries to take concrete steps.

Earlier yesterday, Turkey said that due to a lack of measures to restrict protests, it had cancelled a planned visit to Ankara by the Swedish defence minister.

"At this point, the visit of Swedish Defence Minister Pal Jonson to Turkey on January 27 has become meaningless. So, we cancelled the visit," Defence Minister Hulusi Akar said.

affirmed the UAE's rejection of all practices aimed at destabilising security and stability in contravention of human and moral values and principles.

The incident occurred amid protests in Stockholm yesterday against Turkey and Sweden's bid to join NATO, sharply heightening tensions with Turkey.

The Turkish ministry urged Sweden to take necessary actions against the perpetrators

Over the Moon!

Buzz Aldrin, second man on moon, marries girlfriend on 93rd birthday

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Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the second man to land on the moon, has married for the fourth time on his 93rd birthday.

The astronaut tied the knot in a private ceremony in Los Angeles on Friday with his long-time girlfriend Dr. Anca Faur.

"On my 93rd birthday & the day I will also be honored by Living Legends of Aviation I am pleased to announce that my longtime love Dr. Anca Faur & I have tied the knot," Aldrin said



Astronaut Buzz Aldrin with his wife Dr. Anca Faur.

"We were joined in holy matrimony in a small private ceremony in Los Angeles & are as

excited as eloping teenagers."

His first marriage was in 1954 to Joan Archer lasted until 1974. He has three children, James, Janice and Andrew. Next, he married Beverly Van Zile in 1975, and divorced three years later in 1978.

His third marriage was to Lois Driggs Cannon in 1988. Their divorce was finalized in 2012.

On the moon, he was photographed by Armstrong saluting the American flag erected on the surface - a photo that led to years of controversy about

the moon mission. Before taking part in the famed mission to space, he served as a fighter pilot with the US Air Force in the Korean War. He is also famously known within internet circles

as the astronaut who punched conspiracy theorist Bart Sibrel while being confronted about the factualness of the moon mission in 2002. No charges were filed against Aldrin.



Aldrin was part of the 1969 Apollo 11 moon mission along with commander Neil Armstrong, who was the first person on the moon. He is the last surviving member of the mission.



Saudi visitors hail Farmers' market

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Visitors, including travellers especially from Saudi Arabia, this year to the Bahraini Farmers' Market exceeded 19,000 this week, said organising committee members.

Organising committee officials said they are now allocating special parking slots for vehicles coming from Gulf Cooperation Council nations to facilitate their access to the market.

Officials said regional visitors, especially Saudi Arabian families, had expressed pleasure in visiting the market. "Many told us they intend to visit the market next year."

The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, in partnership with the National Initiative for the Development of the Agricultural Sector, is organising the market.

Munir Al-Abd Rab Al-Rasoul, a Saudi Arabian visitor, described the Farmers' market as an opportunity to experience Bahraini culture and produces.



In pictures, the Farmer's market

The market, he said, stands out, thanks to the brilliant organisation and diversity of products.

Mohammed Al Ibrahim, another traveller, said he ea-

gerly awaits every year for the market to open annually. "I prefer coloured peppers and bought them in large quantities."

"What makes the market at-

tractive is the diversity of the agricultural products that satisfy different segments of visitors," said Al Ibrahim, adding that the market has become a top destination for visitors to Bahrain.

Kamil Al-Dar, another Saudi visitor, said the market gave him joy and pleasure and motivates him to visit again.

This year, the market has

the presence of 20 productive families, five nurseries, four agricultural companies and four apiaries, besides having special children's corners and dedicated space for family visitors.

Shura reviews today draft response to Royal speech

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The Shura Council will today discuss a draft response to the Royal speech by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa during the opening of the first session of the sixth legislative term.

Shura members will review a report prepared by the committee responsible for preparing the draft response to the Royal speech. Jamal Muhammad Fakhroo, the First Vice-President of the Shura Council, heads the committee.

The Council had presented the Royal speech to the committee to study and prepare a draft response. After approval today, the Council will present



the response to HM King.

Fakhroo had stressed the committee's keenness to address all themes of the Royal speech and to respond to them according to the vision of the committee and the Council's members.

Committee members include Dr Jihad Muhammad Al-Fadhel, the second deputy chair-

man of the Council, Dr Ibtisam Muhammad Salih Al-Dallal, Ijlal Issa Ahmed Bubshait, Sheikh Ahmed bin Muhammad bin Ali Al Khalifa, Dr Ahmed Salem Al-Areedh, Dr Bassam Ismail Al-Ban Muhammad, Juma Muhammad Al-Kaabi, Jawad Habib Al-Khayyat, Jawad Abdullah Abbas, and Hamad Mubarak Al-Nuaimi.



The Ministry of Works yesterday announced that it is currently carrying out levelling works of roads in Block 1038 in the Sadad area. The road, ministry said, will be paved with asphalt after the construction of the sewage network, which is in the final design stage. Implementation is approved according to the priority determined by the project's technical readiness, the region's rate of reconstruction, and the availability of financial funds.

Minimum wage system must for private sector, says GFBTU Secretary General

Ashen Tharaka
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Rising expenses and low income are among the long-standing concerns haunting expatriate workers.

Many expatriates here, reportedly, also claim to receive salaries lower than BD200, which they say makes it impossible for them to live in a world that is growing super expensive with each passing day.

Yes, the ground realities are hard to digest.

But there is a way out, says the Secretary-General Abdulkader Al-Shehabi of the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions (GFBTU).

For this, he calls for setting up a minimum wage system in the private sector and a Supreme Council for Wages to review the wages periodically and boost workers' purchasing power.

According to Al Shehabi, the root cause of the issue lies in the lack of a minimum wage system.

He points out that it was, in fact, GFBTU that demanded minimum wages for workers, nationals and migrants alike first, and still treats this as an objective. "We were also the first, or



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ABDULKADER AL-SHEHABI



Pics by Ashen Tharaka

maybe the only social partner, to demand establishing a Supreme Council for Wages, with workers' representation, to periodically examine the economic and social situation and review the wages, taking into account inflation and price hikes.

"We have organised many

activities and programmes for them joining hands with the International Labour Organisation and others, including Frederish Ebert Organisation of Germany.

"One that requires special mention is the Fairway programme, meant for legal assistance to migrant workers hav-

ing employment-related issues. The programme, designed and supported by ILO, was executed by us.

We advise migrant workers to organise themselves in trade unions to secure their rights at work.

We are ready to help them in

this regard.

Minimum wage for all workers

When asked if it is necessary to establish a minimum wage for all workers, he said, "Absolutely necessary." "We believe in this and continue to urge to set a minimum wage system for all workers in Bahrain.

"We also claim to review wages from time to time to adjust for market changes, as high prices absorb the bulk of wages and weaken the purchasing power of the consumers.

He stressed that without a minimum wage system and regular review of wages to reflect market changes, this problem would persist. Tribune also brought to his notice the reports saying that around 71% of expatriates in the private sector earn less than BD200 a month.

Common nightmare

In his response, he pointed out that low wage is the common nightmare of all workers.

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"This also tells us again that the minimum wage system is



The General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions, founded in January 2004, is a labour union organisation concerned with defending the rights and benefits of workers, without distinction of any kind, such as nationality, origin, race or colour.

necessary and prerequisite for improving living standards."

What is the solution?

In this regard, he had also called on the authorities to execute the Arab Labour Convention No 15 issued by Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) in 1983 concerning wages which Bahrain ratified in 1984.

"This law could be a smart start to improve the wage system in the private sector combined with the minimum wage system," he said, adding that the move will help face inflation and other economic problems.

Unpredictable climate hitting farmers hard!

Unpredictable weather frustrating farmers, impacting productivity

Julia Cassano
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As the climate changes, it sparks unpredictable weather patterns, which has caused a detrimental impact on the ways farmers grow and produce crops.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has already warned that the effects of climate change on agriculture will depend on the rate and severity of the change and the degree to which farmers can adapt.

In Bahrain, there are farmers who have already felt the change and are struggling to adapt, as it has impacted their productivity.

Andrea Pucciarelli, manager of Roots and Shoots Organic Farm, told *The Daily Tribune* that she sees many challenges in this regard.

“Unpredictable weather is causing severe challenges to farmers, who have to plan which crops to grow. Crops that should have been ready at a given point are now not growing well or dying.” Roots and Shoots Organic farm has been supplying tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflowers, salads, onions, etc. to the market here for the past four years.

However, climate changes, Pucciarelli points out, directly impacts which crops farmers should grow and when they would be ready.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has warned that changes in temperature and rainfall are leading to longer growing seasons all over the globe.

Pucciarelli herself is a victim.

She had planned to grow specific seasonal crops, which should have been ready by November when the climate starts



What We Can Do

We can reduce the impact of climate change on agriculture in many ways, says the United States Environment Protection agency, including the following:

- Incorporate climate-smart farming methods. Farmers can use climate forecasting tools, plant cover crops, and take other steps to help manage climate-related production threats.

- Boost crop resistance. Adopt research-proven ways to reduce the impacts of climate change on crops and livestock, such as reducing pesticide use and improving pollination.
- Prevent food waste. Shrink your carbon footprint by planning your shopping trips carefully and properly storing food. Donate nutritious, untouched food to food banks and those in need.

to cool. Instead, they are now going that in January, which is not normal.

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ected all aspects of agriculture and is extremely-frustrating.

“We now should wipe away everything learned, as it is no longer feasible.”

The farm, Pucciarelli said, follows a guardianship style which

allows planting various crops to test and determine which ones are successful.

“Luckily, we have the security of steady clients; however, I can understand the issues of other farmers who plant specific crops

to make a living. If the crops fail, they will lose a lot of money, and current circumstances have resulted in a lot of daily guesswork.”

Unexpected weather, Pucciarelli adds, damages crops and income

“Unexpectedly, it rained in July last year when the sun was red hot. “The water on the leaves acted as a magnifying glass and burned many of our crops.”

New challenges

She added: “Each season offers new challenges for farmers, but the unpredictability now presents unique problems to endure daily.

The threats posed by pests are one such challenge. Nevertheless, farmers are aware of which one arrives frequently. Unfortunately, they are experiencing a rise, unlike earlier.

Normally, winter is cold

Andrea said: “Normally, winter in Bahrain is cold enough that flies and pests would die or slow down, which can be detrimental as crops contain fewer pollinators, but it can also cause other issues.

“For instance, we have noticed many crops affected by aphids. The weather must be cold enough for the aphids to die; however, the low temperatures needed for this have just arrived.”

Pucciarelli explained that farmers will now use more pesticides which will affect the quality of foods, and bugs will get more resistant.

“It is an ongoing cycle that farmers are trying to adapt. We are now hard-pressed to find new methods and live with a guessing game to remain successful with our crops and produce.”

Man tries to encash cheque 7 years after writing it; Court denies

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Most cheques are good for six months.

However, the case may not be the same with business, government, Treasury, cashier's, money orders, and traveller's cheques.

Whatever the situation, the general agreement is that one should cash or deposit it as soon as possible, which is best.

But, if you hold on to a cheque, there is a risk of the account number changing or the cheque writer may have forgotten and spent the money on something else. And this exactly formed the



crux of a protracted Court battle reported yesterday.

Details of the case emerged as the Court of appeal heard a litigant who decided to cash a cheque seven years after writing it.

Obviously, the cheque bounced for the linked account

had no cash, sparking a court battle.

The case went through four stages before reaching a conclusion yesterday, with the Court ruling the cheque as invalid.

The incidents leading to the bizarre scenario started seven years ago with the plaintiff's wife requesting her friend a BD7,000 loan, for she had lost her bag while travelling abroad and had no money.

The plaintiff's wife had asked the friend to write a cheque in her husband's name so that he could cash it.

However, the woman later in-

formed the friend that she no longer needed money.

However, when the friend asked her to return the cheque, the plaintiff's wife, at that time, claimed she had lost it.

The bond was so strong between them, the friend told the Court that she trusted her and made no further move.

But, the defendant told the Court that she suffered a heart attack when the friend's husband, seven years after the incident, tried to cash it and filed a criminal case.

The bank had denied cashing the cheque, citing the cheque

had passed its expiry.

However, the plaintiff went ahead and filed a civil suit demanding to cash the cheque.

The defendant's attorney pleaded before the Court that the incident, as claimed, was contrary to the facts and the case won't stand as per the law.

However, the Court of First Instance ruled in favour of the plaintiff and ordered to encash the cheque.

Pursuant to this, the defendant appealed the ruling before the cassation Court.

The Cassation Court accepted the appeal and returned the

case to another Court to make a decision.

The Court then referred the case for investigation, asking each party to prove their claims.

The defendant's friend testified as the amount was borrowed, while one of the witnesses of the plaintiff's wife claimed that the plaintiff and the defendant had a commercial relationship.

The Court, considering the fact that the cheque remained inactive for more than seven years and related reports, ruled having no legitimate reasons to cash it.

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Women empower sustainable development



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

A powerful Bahraini voice at the recently concluded World Economic Forum in Davos was that of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Noor bint Ali Al Kulaib. The ministerial post is a recent addition to the Bahrain Cabinet and the result of HRH the Crown Prince and PM's investment of thought and keen commitment to meet the Kingdom's environmental promise – net zero by 2060 and reduction of emissions by 30% through investing in decarbonisation and energy efficiency initiatives.

Sustainability and environmental balance are hot button topics in the world today. In the GCC, countries are seeking to change the way our cities function - from green national budgets, to making cities and transport sustainable, to waste management and plastic alternatives, change at every level will be required to effectively combat the climate emergency. While Bahrain is relatively smaller, I think we shall see the rise of a new executive role in the private sector – the CSO or Chief Sustainability Officer.

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Until about a decade ago the role had no boardroom presence and was buried two or three tiers down or limited to heading up sub-committees. But when we have a Minister of Sustainable Development, can a CSO be far behind?

Today, CSOs are reporting directly to the CEO and playing a key role in reshaping operations, strategy, culture, and leadership, connected to all parts of the business; sustainability affects every sector and business function. Since research shows that women's behavior as consumers and investors shows more concern about climate change than men and that women are the most likely changemakers for climate action in economic areas from corporate leadership to product development, I believe we are at the cusp of a new leadership role for women in the corporate world.

Bahrain has set the ball rolling by bringing in diversity and new thought to the Cabinet. Will private sector follow suit?

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

Take immune-boosting nutrients to stave off flu, says health expert

Vitamin D supplements are essential during winter

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

Flu-like symptoms, mainly among school students, have been on the upsurge in the Kingdom for the last few weeks. A weak immune system could be the possible cause of the fast spreading of the disease, said Dr Dunia Akbar Jawad from the Kid's clinic in Bahrain.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Dr Jawad said, "First of all, the flu has nothing much to do with the winter months; instead, it is caused by the virus, which is very contagious.

"An infected child spreads the flu to others from school. If a child has the flu, parents should keep them home and treat them with antibiotics if required. Parents should also monitor their health for one to two days before sending them to school.

"Mostly, parents try to treat kids at home by giving Panadol without



First of all, the flu has nothing to do with the winter months, rather the virus spreads from person to person. For instance, if a child has a cold and cough and goes to school, that youngster will pass the virus to others.

DR DUNIA AKBAR JAWAD

consulting with a doctor. Then, they will send the kids to school before the kid recovers from the flu. This is one of the main reasons for the spreading of the disease. "We tend to close our windows during winter, thinking the breeze will make us ill. But unfortunately,

a closed room is more prone to viral infection at home or school.

Dr Dunia emphasised that one with weak immunity should take vitamin D supplements during the winter and always wash their hands to prevent the flu and to strengthen their immune systems.

"There are medications to gain a robust immune system that does not guarantee that children won't catch the flu again, but it is adequate to make it milder.

"Pandemic has weakened our immune system; a flu shot can help us to gain immunity to fight such viral infections.

"It is more contagious than the coronavirus, and many children are becoming sick this year, and some even end up in hospitals," she added.

Panadol was widely sold and went out of stock for a few days last week, but most pharmacies brought more inventory to meet the demand.



Bahrain Polytechnic held a graduation ceremony at the college's academic campus for its eighth batch of students for the academic year 2021-2022. Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Board of Trustees Chairman of Bahrain Polytechnic congratulated the graduates and their parents, wishing them continuous success.



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) yesterday took legal action against several for violating labour and residency laws in the kingdom. The action followed a joint inspection campaign with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs and the Capital Governorate Police Directorate. LMRA stressed its commitment to continuing intensive inspection plans, in cooperation with the relevant government entities. LMRA also renewed its call to report violations through www.lmra.bh or by calling the authority on 17506055.



Labour Minister, Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, yesterday held talks with the Northern Area Municipal Council Chairman, Dr Sayed Shubbar Ibrahim Al-Wadae, and Deputy Chairperson, Zaina Jassim. During the meeting, they discussed a number of issues of common interest, particularly the Ministry's efforts to enhance occupational health and safety standards by providing environmental quality in various productive sectors.

Thousands celebrate Thai Pongal

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The Annai Tamil Mandram association celebrated a two-day grand gala annual event Pongal or Thai Pongal, a multi-day harvest festival, in coordination with the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam and Indian club.

The two-day festival featured a folk musical night on Thursday and traditional Pongal celebrations on Friday.

Rajalakshmi, a Vijay TV fame and well-known Tamil folk singer, and crew served as hosts for the Thursday night event at BKS. Murugan, a musician and artist, was also part of the event. The high-



light of the celebration was stunts performed by Govindarajan, a folk dancer.

Esam Isa Alkhyat, Head of Investment Development, Northern Governorate, Yusuf Lori, Director of Information and Follow-Up, Capital Governorate, Dr Ali Hassan from the Ministry of Tourism, Ravishankar Shukla from the Indian Embassy's Second Department, and Khalid Abdul Rahman Selaibeekh from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, were present.

Other attractions included games for kids, rangoli competitions, and traditional Pongal making.

Senthil G.K, President Annai Tamil Mandram, thanked all for making the event a grand success.

Iranian currency falls to record low amid isolation and sanctions

● **EU is discussing a fourth round of sanctions against Iran**

● **Rial has lost 29% of its value since nationwide protests**

Reuters | Dubai

Iran's troubled currency fell to a record low against the US dollar yesterday amid the country's increasing isolation and possible Europe Union sanctions against Tehran's Revolutionary Guards or some of its members.

Ties between the EU and Tehran have deteriorated in recent months as efforts to revive nuclear talks have stalled. Iran has detained several European nationals and the bloc has become increasingly critical of the violent treatment of protesters and the use of executions.

The EU is discussing a fourth round of sanctions against Iran and diplomatic sources have said members of the Revolutionary Guards will be added to the bloc's sanctions list next week. But some EU member states want to go further and classify the Guards as a whole as a terrorist organisation.



A currency dealer poses for a photo with a U.S. one dollar bill and the amount being given when converting it into Iranian rials in an exchange shop in Tehran, Iran



The dollar was selling for as much as 447,000 rials on Iran's unofficial market on Saturday, compared with 430,500 the previous day, according to the foreign exchange site Bonbast.com.

The rial has lost 29% of its value since nationwide protests following the death in police custody of a 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman, Mahsa Amini, on Sept. 16.

The unrest has posed one of the biggest challenges to theocratic rule in Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The economic Ecoiran web-

site blamed the continued fall of the rial on an apparent "global consensus" against Iran.

"Increasing political pressures, such as placing the Revolutionary Guards on a list of terrorist organisations, and imposing restrictions on Iran-linked ships and oil tankers... are factors pointing to a global consensus against Iran, (which

may affect) the dollar's rate in Tehran," Ecoiran said.

The European Parliament called on Wednesday for the EU to list Iran's Guards as a terrorist group, blaming the powerful force for the repression of protesters and the supply of drones to Russia. The assembly cannot compel the EU to add the force to its list, but the text was a clear political message to Tehran.

Panama's vessel registry, the world's largest, has withdrawn its flag from 136 ships linked to Iran's state oil company in the last four years, the country's maritime authority said this week.

Iran's central bank governor Mohammad Reza Farzin yesterday blamed the fall of the rial on "psychological operations" which Tehran says its enemies are organising to destabilise the Islamic Republic.

"Today, the central bank faces no restrictions in terms of foreign currency and gold resources and reserves, and media deceit and psychological operations are the main factors behind the fluctuation in the free exchange rate," state broadcaster IRIB cited Farzin as saying.

Facing an inflation rate of about 50%, Iranians seeking safe havens for their savings have been trying to buy dollars, other hard currencies or gold.

Elon Musk says Twitter has a headcount of about 2,300

Reuters

Twitter Inc has about 2,300 active employees, Elon Musk said in a Tweet yesterday.

CNBC on Friday reported that Twitter's full-time headcount has reduced to about 1,300 active, working employees, including fewer than 550 full-time engineers by title.

About 75 of the company's 1,300 employees are on leave including about 40 engineers, CNBC said, citing internal records.

"The note is incorrect. There



An image of Elon Musk is seen on a smartphone placed on printed Twitter logos

are about 2300 active, working employees at Twitter," billionaire Musk tweeted in a response to a tweet quoting CNBC.

"There are still hundreds of employees working on trust & safety, along with several thousand contractors," Musk added.

Musk took over Twitter in October and swiftly moved through a number of product and organizational changes. The company rolled out Twitter-verified Blue check-mark as a paid service and also laid off about 50% staff.

Feds seized nearly \$700 million from FTX founder Bankman-Fried

Reuters

Federal prosecutors have seized nearly \$700 million in assets from FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried in January, largely in the form of Robinhood stock, according to a Friday court filing.

Bankman-Fried, who has been accused of stealing billions of dollars from FTX customers to pay debts incurred by his crypto-focused hedge fund, has pleaded not guilty to fraud charges. He is scheduled to face trial in October.

The Department of Justice revealed the seizure of Robinhood shares earlier this month, but it provided a more complete list of seized assets Friday, including cash held at various banks and assets deposited at crypto



Former FTX Chief Executive Sam Bankman-Fried, who faces fraud charges over the collapse of the bankrupt cryptocurrency exchange, leaves following a hearing at Manhattan federal court in New York City, U.S.

exchange Binance. The ownership of the seized Robinhood shares, valued at about \$525 million, has been the subject of disputes between Bankman-Fried, FTX, and bankrupt crypto lender BlockFi. The most recent asset seizure

reported by the DOJ took place on Thursday, when prosecutors seized \$94.5 million in cash from an account at Silvergate Bank which was associated with FTX Digital Markets, FTX's subsidiary in the Bahamas. The DOJ seized more than \$7 million from other Silvergate accounts associated with Bankman-Fried and FTX.

The DOJ previously seized nearly \$50 million from an FTX Digital Markets account at Moonstone Bank, a small bank in Washington state.

DOJ also said that assets in three Binance accounts associated with Bankman-Fried were subject to criminal forfeiture, but did not provide an estimate of the value in those accounts.

'Biban' show invites applications for 3rd season

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Hope Ventures, the investment arm of Hope Fund, has announced accepting applications for the third season of "Biban", a first-of-its-kind entrepreneurial TV show in Bahrain.

Biban provides entrepreneurs with the opportunity to present promising investment opportunities to a panel of local and regional investors.

In the first and second seasons, the programme succeeded in facilitating joint investment between the public and private sectors exceeding \$6 million.

The second season, telecast on the Shahid platform, Bahrain TV, Al Rai TV and Dubai TV, included new additions, such as the expansion to the United Arab Emirates.

This season also witnessed the launch of the Biban crowdfunding platform, providing access to a wider network of investors and investment in exchange for shares in companies.

Fajr Saleh Al-Pachachi, General Manager of Hope Projects, said: "The projects will go through an evaluation process



Fajr Saleh Al-Pachachi, General Manager of Hope Project

consisting of 5 stages, starting with the screening stage, followed by an evaluation by experts and specialists in the business sectors. The project owners will, who are selected, then join an intensive training programme during the second quarter of this year. This stage will witness the final line-up of projects and filming of the programme."

Applications are now open for all entrepreneurs through www.HopeFund.bh. Applicants can reach out to the Hope Ventures team on their social channels or through email at hello@hopefund.bh for further support and guidance.

Second GDA International Downstream Conference and Exhibition next month

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The second Gulf Downstream Association International Downstream Conference and Exhibition will be held from February 13 to 15 at Exhibition World Bahrain, under the patronage of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The conference, organised by the GDA, and the M3 Company, will have dignitaries from GCC countries, and CEOs of national, regional and international oil companies.

The event is in cooperation with the Ministry of Oil and Environment, and support of Bahraini, Gulf and international companies.

Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for

Climate Affairs, Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, said the conference provides an excellent opportunity to benefit from investment projects and creative innovations.

The conference will discuss the challenges and opportunities of the refining industry, obstacles and digitisation of the refining and processing sector and others topics.

Dr Bin Daina noted that the conference will have keynote sessions, technical workshops, and an accompanying exhibition with more than 500 companies from around the globe.

Co-sponsors include Engholding, Saudi Aramco, SATORP, SASREF and SAMREF, Shell, Yokogawa, Honeywell and many international companies are some of the participating companies.

India's Adani Group plans to demerge more business; dismisses debt concerns

Reuters | Mumbai

India's Adani Group, which is controlled by billionaire Gautam Adani, said it plans to spin off more businesses by 2028 and dismisses any debt concerns.

The corporate house plans to spin off, or demerge, its metals, mining, data centre, airports, roads and logistics businesses, said Chief Financial Officer Jugeshinder Singh said.

"The criteria is for these businesses to achieve a basic investment profile and experienced management by 2025-28, which is when we plan to demerge them," he told a media briefing on Saturday.

The company is betting big

on its airport business and is aiming for it to become the largest services base in the country in the coming years, outside of government services, Singh said.

The Adani group has spun off its power, coal, transmission and green energy business in recent years.

Adani, the world's third-richest man, according to Forbes, has been diversifying his empire from ports to energy and now owns a media company.

The flagship firm Adani Enterprises (ADEL.NS) is set to raise up to \$2.5 billion in a follow-on share sale, Reuters previously reported, following a surge in the share price in recent years.

News in brief

Wagner chief writes to White House over new sanctions

◆ The head of the Russian private military contractor



Wagner published yesterday a short letter to the White House asking what crime his company was accused of, after Washington announced new sanctions on the group. White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said on Friday that Wagner, which has been supporting Russian forces in their invasion of Ukraine and claiming credit for battlefield advances, would be designated a significant Transnational Criminal Organization.

◆ The fast-spreading Omicron XBB.1.5 is estimated to make up nearly half of US COVID-19 cases, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed on Friday, putting it on track to become the dominant subvariant in the country. It is estimated to account for 49.1% of COVID cases in the country in the week ended Jan. 21, a jump from 37.2% last week. The subvariant is an offshoot of XBB, a combination of two other Omicron sub-variants, that has been rapidly gaining ground in United States, particularly in the northeast.

◆ Omicron subvariant XBB.1.5 makes up nearly half of US COVID cases- CDC



◆ Canada to repatriate 23 citizens from Syria



◆ Canada will repatriate twenty-three citizens who have been detained in northeast Syria in camps for family members of Islamic State group fighters, officials and a lawyer said. It would be the largest such repatriation of IS family members yet for Canada, and it comes after the families challenged the government in court, arguing Ottawa was obliged to repatriate the group under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. On Friday, the foreign ministry announced its decision to repatriate six Canadian women and 13 infants. And a court later ruled that four men seeking repatriation as part of the group must also be sent back to Canada, said lawyer Barbara Jackman, who is representing one of the men.

◆ Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes attempted to flee the US shortly after her conviction on fraud charges last year, prosecutors claim.

◆ Theranos founder attempted to flee US - prosecutors

According to a new court filing, the 38-year-old bought a one-way ticket to Mexico last January. "Only after the government raised this unauthorised flight... was the trip cancelled," prosecutors said. Holmes was convicted for defrauding investors in her blood testing start-up that was once valued at \$9bn (£7.5bn).

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Radio signal from ancient galaxy is most distant ever detected

Yahoo | New Delhi

A huge radio telescope in India has picked up a radio signal from the most distant galaxy ever recorded – more than eight billion years ago.

Detecting radio signals from distant galaxies is difficult as the signals become weaker the further away a galaxy is from Earth, making it tricky for current radio telescopes to pick up.

Researchers from Montreal in Canada and India have captured a radio signal at a specific wavelength known as the 21cm line, allowing astronomers to peer into the secrets of the early universe.

Arbab Chakraborty, a post-doctoral researcher at Montreal's McGill University, said: "A galaxy emits different



The Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope in Pune, India



It's the equivalent to a look-back in time of 8.8 billion years

ARNAB CHAKRABORTY, A POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER AT MONTREAL'S MCGILL UNIVERSITY

kinds of radio signals. Until now, it's only been possible to capture this particular signal from a galaxy nearby, limiting our knowledge to those galaxies closer to Earth.

"But thanks to the help of a naturally occurring phenomenon called gravitational lensing, we can capture a faint signal from a record-breaking distance.

"This will help us understand the composition of galaxies at much greater distances from Earth."

For the first time, researchers were able to detect the signal from a distant star-forming galaxy known as SDSSJ0826+5630 and measure its gas composition.



The signal detected by the team was emitted from this galaxy when the universe was only 4.9 billion years old, enabling the researchers to glimpse into the secrets of the early universe

Zelenskyy honours those killed in helicopter crash

◆ Ukraine honours interior minister, other senior officials, killed in helicopter crash

Reuters | Washington



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and first lady Olena Zelenska attend a memorial ceremony

A tearful Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attended a memorial service yesterday to commemorate seven senior Interior Ministry officials killed in a helicopter crash this week, a fresh blow to a nation already grieving its many war dead.

Interior Minister Denys Monastyrskyi, his deputy and five other high-ranking ministry officials were killed when their French-made Super Puma helicopter plummeted amid fog into a nursery on the eastern outskirts of Kyiv on Wednesday.

Another seven people were killed, including one child, in the crash. Officials are still investigating the cause of the crash.

The helicopter went down just days after at least 45 people were killed in a Russian missile attack that partially levelled a block of flats in the southeastern city of

“The indescribable sadness is covering the soul. Ukraine is losing its best sons and daughters every day”
VOLODYMYR ZELENSKIY

Dnipro.

On the battlefield, Ukrainian forces are fending off an unrelenting Russian onslaught in the east, where Moscow has expended massive resources for incre-

mental advances 11 months into its full-scale invasion.

"The indescribable sadness is covering the soul," Zelenskyy wrote in a Telegram post yesterday. "Ukraine is losing its best sons and daughters every day."

Zelenskyy and his wife, Olena Zelenska, paid their respects to the victims' relatives inside the hulking Ukrainian House cultural centre in central Kyiv. A crowd of mourners snaked outside toward Independence Square.

Kyrylo Budanov, the military intelligence chief, described Monastyrskyi's death as "a huge

YOU KNOW WHAT
The cause of the crash is not known but Zelenskyy said earlier that it happened because the country is at war. That view was repeated by Ruslan Stefanchuk, chairman of Ukraine's parliament, speaking after the service

loss".

"If not for (Monastyrskyi), everything could have been completely different," he told Ukrainian media, referring to the resistance Ukraine mounted after Moscow's Feb. 24 assault.

"He is a true hero of this country."

Monastyrskyi had been flying to a location near the frontline, a police spokesperson said on Thursday.

Chris Hipkins to be New Zealand PM



Chris Hipkins speaks to members of the media, after being confirmed as the only nomination to replace Jacinda Ardern as leader of the Labour Party
Reuters | Wellington

Chris Hipkins, who played a significant role in New Zealand's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, is set to replace Jacinda Ardern as prime minister after emerging yesterday as the only candidate to lead the ruling Labour Party.

Hipkins, 44, is expected to be confirmed as the new leader at a meeting of Labour's 64 lawmakers, or Caucus, on Sunday.

"I think we're an incredibly strong team," Hipkins told a news conference after the party announced him as the sole candidate.

"We've gone through this process with unity and we'll continue to do that. I'm feeling really fortunate to be working with such an amazing group of people who have a real commitment to the service of the people of New Zealand."

Known as "Chippy", Hipkins built a reputation for competence

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CHRIS HIPKINS

in tackling COVID-19 and was a troubleshooter for Ardern when other cabinet ministers were struggling.

He would not be drawn on his policy plans. A cabinet reshuffle proposed by Ardern would go ahead, but he said he planned to keep Grant Robertson as finance minister.

More bodies found in Tibet

Reuters | Beijing

More bodies were found Friday following an avalanche that buried vehicles outside a highway tunnel in Tibet, raising the death toll to 28, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV reported.

Images from the scene at the exit of the tunnel connecting the city of Nyingchi in Tibet's southwest with an outlying county showed about half a dozen backhoes digging through deep snow. Reports said around 1,000 rescuers had joined the effort.

Tons of snow and ice collapsed onto the mouth of the



Rescuers search for survivors following an avalanche in China's Tibet Autonomous Region

tunnel on Tuesday evening, trapping drivers in their ve-

World's oldest dog is chihuahua

◆ Spike, who is 23 years old, was 'severely neglected' when found by owner Rita Kimball in August 2009

Telegraph | Camden, Ohio

A dog who was found abandoned in a supermarket car park has gone on to become a Guinness World Record holder, being named the world's oldest living dog.

Chihuahua cross Spike – who is 23 years old and lives in Camden, Ohio – was taken in by Rita Kimball and her family after they found him in a "severely



Spike with the Guinness World Record

neglected" state in August 2009. Ms Kimball said that despite the dog being in the condition he was, as soon as she opened the car door "Spike jumped

1517

Ottoman forces take Cairo, capital of the Mamluk Sultanate

1689

Prince William of Orange (future King William III of Britain), summons Convention Parliament to discuss ruling jointly with his wife Mary (daughter of exiled King James II)



1905

In St Petersburg, Russia, a large demonstration of workers led by Father Gapon, march to the Winter Palace with a petition to the Tsar; troops fire on protesters in what becomes known as 'Bloody Sunday'

1973

Roe vs Wade: US Supreme Court legalizes most abortions

China says COVID outbreak has infected 80% of population



A patient lies on a bed at the emergency department of a hospital

Reuters | Beijing

The possibility of a big COVID-19 rebound in China over the next two or three months is remote as 80% of people have been infected, a prominent government scientist said yesterday.

The mass movement of people during the ongoing Lunar New Year holiday period may spread the pandemic, boosting infections in some areas, but a second COVID wave is unlikely in the near term, Wu Zunyou, chief epidemiologist at the China Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said on the Weibo social media platform.

Hundreds of millions of Chinese are travelling across the country for holiday reunions that had been suspended under recently eased COVID curbs, raising fears of fresh outbreaks in rural areas less equipped to manage large outbreaks.

China has passed the peak of COVID patients in fever clinics, emergency rooms and with critical conditions, a National Health Commission official said on Thursday.

Sunak fined by police for failing to wear seat belt

Reuters | London

British police fined Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for failing to wear a seat belt while he filmed a social media clip in the back seat of a moving car, a potentially embarrassing blow as he tries to revive his party's fortunes.

Sunak, who apologised on Thursday for a "brief error of judgement", had uploaded the video to Instagram during a trip to north west England. It was widely shared by other users who noticed that he had not buckled up.

Local police had said later that day they would investigate, and confirmed late on Friday that an offence had taken place.

It is the second penalty Sunak has received from police



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak appears to not be wearing his seat belt in this screen grab taken from a social media video

after last year they found he broke COVID-19 lockdown rules, along with then-prime minister Boris Johnson.

Sunak becomes the second prime minister after Johnson to have broken the law in such a manner.

The fine represents an additional distraction for Sunak, whose Conservative Party trails far behind the opposition Labour Party in the opinion polls, ahead of an election due by January 2025 at the latest.

"The prime minister fully accepts this was a mistake and has apologised. He will of course comply with the fixed penalty," a spokesman from Sunak's Downing Street office said in a statement.



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Bahrain Inc. Must Prioritise Environmental Sustainability



SRIRAJ KOTA

The United Nations defines environmental sustainability as meeting the needs of today without compromising the future generations ability to meet their needs. This applies aptly for businesses and corporate entities who have a sizeable consumption of natural resources and therefore a potentially larger carbon footprint. Given this the industrial and business sectors need to go the extra mile to dial down the negative impact they have on the environment by adopting sustainable business and manufacturing practices. In this regard, till date Bahrain has made commendable progress by encouraging the industrial sector to focus on technological innovation and sustainability by embedding the principles of a circular economy. This has paid rich dividends in the form environmental conservation for the nation.

But the new year brings challenges. Bahrain has set a national target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, with an interim goal of a 30% reduction in CO emissions by 2035. Maintaining the pace of economic development while ensuring achieving the above targets is a crucial challenge.

Using cloud technologies innovatively, for instance, to increase efficiencies is an important part of sustainable action for environment protection while maintaining the speed for economic development

In this regard, the corporate and industrial sector in Bahrain can be encouraged to reduce manufacturing-related emissions by adopting creative and ambitious measures using cutting edge technologies. Using cloud technologies innovatively, for instance, to increase efficiencies is an important part of sustainable action for environment protection while maintaining the speed for economic development.

Plugging data capture and analysis tools into the energy infrastructure of private and public companies alike can help in understanding energy usage better and take action to make manufacturing facilities more efficient. Mondelez International, for example, has developed a cloud based technology that helps the company efficiently monitor the use of water, electricity and natural gas at its Bahrain factory. The data is available in real time and can be readily compared with sustainability benchmarks. The technology has already helped the company bring down Co2 emissions by large measure.

Given the fact that Bahrain is predominantly an oil based economy, the carbon footprint of Bahrain's nation is relatively high. The non-oil based industrial sectors must therefore be encouraged to counter-balance and achieve carbon neutrality in their spheres faster. Carbon neutrality not only requires technologies for reducing CO2e emissions at the source and enhanced carbon sinks, but it also requires the introduction of a circular economy culture and efforts to foster pro-environmental behaviour within the population. The involvement of different stakeholders in the journey toward carbon neutrality is critical, along with the formulation of requisite policies regulating the roles of technology, behaviour and research.

These aspects can help Bahrain Inc. to accelerate sustainable economic development that is in conformity with environmental conservation goals.

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After years of consecutive declines, the steep rise in the number of journalists killed in 2022 is extremely alarming. I urge countries to investigate & prosecute crimes against journalists with the full force of the law.

@antonioguterres

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Thank you, Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari @BBhuttoZadari Pakistan, for the useful discussion at #WEF23 on how the @WorldBank can continue to lean in & support your efforts to foster #ResilientRecovery, face current challenges & get back on track w your development goals.

@AxelVT_WB

03



Two years in, and I've never been more optimistic about America's future.

@POTUS

04



Next Twitter update will remember whether you were on For You (ie recommended), Following or list you made & stop switching you back to recommended tweets

@elonmusk

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Avalanche; death toll rises to 28



Rescue workers during an avalanche in Nyingchi, southwest

China, rescues. Many of the people were

Nyingchi lies at an elevation of nearly 10,000 feet (3,048 meters), about a five-hour drive from the regional capital, Lhasa, along a highway that opened in 2018

headed home for China's Lunar New Year holiday, which starts Sunday.

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Over 50 injured in Peru as protests cause 'nationwide chaos'



Smoke and flames rise from a building during the 'Take over Lima' march to demonstrate against Peru's President Dina Boluarte

Reuters | Lima

Dozens of Peruvians were injured after tensions flared again on Friday night as police clashed with protesters in anti-government demonstrations that are spreading across the country.

In the capital Lima, police officers used tear gas to repel demonstrators throwing glass bottles and stones, as fires burned in the streets, local TV footage showed.

In the country's southern Puno region, some 1,500 protesters attacked a police station in the town of Ilave, Interior Minister Vicente Romero said in a statement to news media.

A police station in Zepita, Puno, was also on fire, Romero said.

Health authorities in Ilave reported eight patients hospitalized with injuries, including broken arms and legs, eye contusions and punctured abdomens.

By late afternoon, 58 people had been injured nationwide in demonstrations, according to a report from Peru's ombudsman.

Abandoned in supermarket car park



Guinness world certificate

09. right in and sat on the seat, as if he knew where we were going. It was meant to be".

Years later, the almost blind and hard of hearing Spike has

made himself at home with his family, waking up at 7am on most days and visiting the animals on the Kimballs' farm, which include horses, cows and cats.

He has also proved to be a fighter, having survived multiple attacks from other animals despite being given a low chance of survival each time.

Kimball first thought that her dog could be a Guinness World Record holder (GWR) after watching a Jimmy Fallon episode which featured a picture of a former oldest living dog GWR winner who was younger than Spike.

She said that seeing her Spike get the accolade is a testament to his positive nature.

celebs

Selena Gomez sets record straight on her relationship status amid dating rumours

ANI | Washington

Actor-singer Selena Gomez has set the record straight on her relationship status amid reports that she's dating The Chainsmokers' Drew Taggart.

According to E! News, an entertainment news outlet, a couple of days after photos of Drew and Selena going bowling surfaced, she cleared air by sharing an image reading, "I like being alone too much" along with the hashtag #iamsingle in a since-deleted Instagram Story.

The 30-year-old seemed to be responding to the romance rumors that were fueled by her night out with the musician at The Gutter bowling alley in Manhattan on January 15.

Selena—who has previously dated Zedd, The Weeknd and Justin Bieber—recently shared that she's still hoping for love, healing and change in her life. "Of course there are days that



Selena Gomez

I feel so far away... But I would rather continue to get my heart-broken than to not feel at all," Selena said on Jay Shetty's 'On Purpose' podcast in November.

In the meantime, she's giving herself to her craft and has been hard at work on season three of 'Only Murders in the Building'.

In an Instagram post shared earlier this week, Selena revealed that none other than Meryl Streep will be joining the cast for the show's upcoming season, as per E! News.



Bradley Cooper is 'terrified' of Maestro role

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Bradley Cooper has described 'Maestro' as the "most terrifying" film of his career. The 48-year-old star will portray the acclaimed conductor Leonard Bernstein in the biopic and is amazed by how difficult the profession is.

In a Focus Features roundtable with 'Tar' star Cate Blanchett and director Todd Field, Bradley said: "Hav-

Bradley Cooper

ing worked on a project in the same world (as 'Tar'), the level of respect that I have for that world and that podium, it is the most terrifying thing I've ever experienced.

"And it's so odd because so many people - I don't know if you've come across this -

Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese are both serving as producers on 'Maestro', which will be released this year on Netflix

but people that I have met in the last five years have said, 'Well, what is it that conductors even do? Aren't you up there sort of doing like this?'"

Bradley - who is also directing the Bernstein biopic - added: "And my answer is, 'It's the absolute hardest thing you could ever

want to do. It is impossible."

The 'A Star Is Born' actor had high praise for Blanchett and Field for making conducting look easy in 'Tar'.

He said: "Not only did you make the conducting look easy, but the rehearsal. The rhythm of the rehearsal and the way you wrote and filmed it was just so appetising on every level as a viewer. It was truly mind-blowing... There's no one else who could ever play that role (of Lydia Tar)."

Britney Spears shocks fans by changing name to River Red

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Britney Spears says she has changed her name to River Red.

The 41-year-old 'Toxic' singer made the announcement in a rambling Instagram post on Thursday that included a video of her in a bright red mini skirt and matching bandeau, emblazoned with the Coca-Cola motif, while she danced to the song 'Attention' by Omah Lay and Justin Bieber.

She has also changed her name on her Instagram bio to River Red, and used the post to address reports she last week had a "manic meltdown" at a restaurant in Los Angeles - with the update on her moniker leaving many of her fans saying on social media they are concerned for her state of mind.

She told fans: "I've been at my Aunt Suzy's house, we made 3 pies to give at church service this Sunday!!! I hear the men prefer the cherry and the women prefer banana!!!

"Either way ... the news of me



Britney Spears



I changed my name to River Red!!! Yet the fire is where it illuminates ... to stare at it and jump right in with no fear at all

BRITNEY SPEARS

being tipsy in the news then exploiting my past is a clever way to make me look like a pardoned woman that we can look at and say AWWW !!!

Jennifer Lopez was reluctant to star in 'Shotgun Wedding'

IAN | Los Angeles

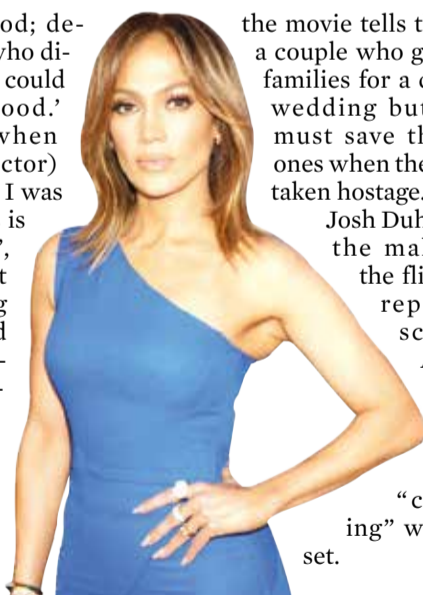
Hollywood star Jennifer Lopez, who leads the cast of Jason Moore's film "Shotgun Wedding", was initially unsure about starring in the project after working on the movie "Marry Me" and was only convinced after reading Mark Hammer's script, media reports said.

Jennifer said: "(I had) just signed on to do 'Marry Me' and was about to do it and was like, 'Ah, I don't want to do another wedding movie'."

"I remember, I was in my tub and was like, 'Let me read it and I was like, 'Oh this is funny, this

could be good; depending on who directed this, it could be really good.' And then when we got (director) Jason Moore I was like, 'OK, this is gonna be fun', and we got this amazing cast," she told 'The Hollywood Reporter', 'Female First UK' reports.

As per 'Female First UK', Jennifer Lopez



the movie tells the story of a couple who gather their families for a destination wedding but the pair must save their loved ones when the guests are taken hostage.

Josh Duhamel plays the male lead in the flick after he replaced the scandal-hit A r m i e Hammer and had no problems with "connect-

ing" with JLo on set.

Rami Malek to play Buster Keaton in new TV series

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Rami Malek is reportedly in talks to play comedy genius Buster Keaton.

The 41-year-old actor has entered negotiations to play the silent movie legend, and will also serve as a producer in the Warner Bros. Television miniseries, Deadline reports.

Rami Malek



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How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Across

1-Tolerate; 5-Put a new price on; 10-Farm structure; 14-Commedia dell'...; 15-Surface; 16-Hoof sound; 17-Swedish auto; 18-Break off; 19-Bone; Prefix; 20-On the line; 22-Hold back; 24-France's longest river; 25-Relax; 26-... the night before Christmas...; 28-Part of TNT; 32-Narrow strip of wood; 35-Linguistic suffix; 37-Old Chinese policies; 38-Cabinet dept.; 39-Like tubers; 41-Hot time in Paris; 42-Cavern; 45-And not; 46-Make... for it; 47-Hawkins of Dogpatch; 48-Captures; 50-Third sign of the zodiac; 54-Pack leader; 58-Forever; 61-Less fresh; 62-Greet the day; 63-Big; 65-Evening, informally; 66-Precious stones; 67-Fragrant oil; 68-Fountain-bottom sight; 69-Is indebted; 70-Reposes; 71-Europe's highest volcano;

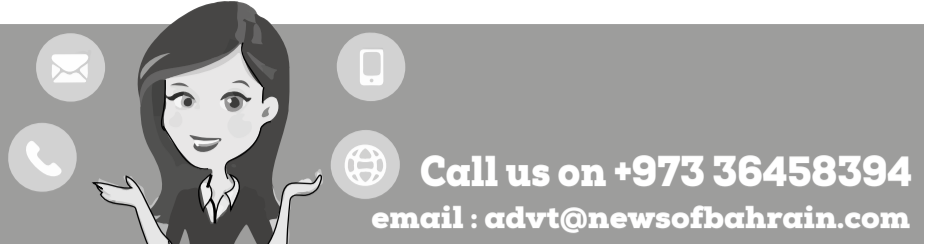
Down

1-... metabolism; 2-Sister of Calliope; 3-Maker of Pong; 4-Revival; 5-Tiered shelves; 6-It may come before long; 7-Ornamental coronet; 8-Hardy equestrian creatures; 9-Farm layers; 10-Eighth sign of the zodiac; 11-Ingrid's "Casablanca" role; 12-Monetary unit of Lesotho; 13-Amenable; 21-Use a Singer; 23-"Chicken of the sea"; 25-Canadian gas brand; 27-Dynamic beginning; 29-Stadium section; 30-Queue after Q; 31-Prophetic sign; 32-Falls behind; 33-Pearl Mosque city; 34-Stepped; 36-Great length of time; 37-Pianist Hess; 40-Author Morrison; 43-Large, striped female feline; 44-Abound; 46-Suspiciously; 49-Cave dweller; 51-Grinder; 52-Boiling; 53-Dratt; 55-Marner's creator; 56-Admit; 57-Sports area; 58-Therefore; 59-Vista; 60-Salinger girl; 61-Sun. speeches; 64-Gangster's gun;

Yesterday's solution

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Chelsea understand risk of long-term contracts: Potter



Chelsea Manager Graham Potter talks to Mykhailo Mudryk
Reuters | London

Chelsea manager Graham Potter said the length of contracts being handed to their new signings carries an element of risk but he supports the club's strategy.
 Chelsea signed Ukrainian winger Mykhailo Mudryk on an eight-and-a-half-year contract while defender Benoit Badiashile and winger Noni Madueke have agreed seven-and-a-half-year deals during a busy transfer window for the Premier League side.

English clubs have rarely handed players deals longer than six years but it is common in US sports where Chelsea co-owner Todd Boehly owns a stake in Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers.

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where, no magic formula that says this is going to work and this is how we see the future," Potter told reporters.

"The players we identified are young, they've got quality. With Mudryk and Joao (Felix) coming on loan there's a certain type of player in terms of age. They are starting their careers so they are ambitious ... they're here to win and compete.

"Those are the upsides but is there a life without risk? No. Whatever you do there is risk and there is a chance it might not work. You have to understand that and the consequences."

Chelsea have had trouble moving expensive players on, their record 97.5 million pounds (\$120.83 million) signing of Romelu Lukaku being the latest example after the unhappy striker returned to Inter Milan on loan.

Drab draw leaves Liverpool, Chelsea still mired in mid-table

AFP | London

Liverpool and Chelsea's poor seasons were summed up in a dismal 0-0 draw at Anfield yesterday that did little to aid their chances of climbing into the Premier League's top four.

A point apiece leaves both clubs nine points adrift of the Champions League places and there was little to suggest either can quickly rekindle their former glories to make a charge up the table.

Chelsea had a goal scored by Kai Havertz ruled out for offside early on and there were promising flashes from new 100 million euro (\$108 million) signing Mykhailo Mudryk off the bench.

But the Blues remain in 10th without an away league win since October.

Liverpool edge up to eighth, above Brentford on goal difference.
 Jurgen Klopp described Liverpool's 3-0 defeat to Brighton last weekend as the worst performance of his eight years at Anfield and, in the 1,000th game of his managerial career, made sweeping changes with Fabinho, Jordan Henderson and Trent Alexander-Arnold among those left on the bench.

The change in personnel did little to ignite a drastically improved performance as the Reds were penned back in the first 45 minutes by a similarly out of



Chelsea's Carney Chukwuemeka, left, jumps for a header with Liverpool's Fabinho

"We defended more with passion than clear organisation, so in the end I am OK with nil-nil. You have to accept it. Both teams were very aggressive. It was hectic in moments. We have to build on stuff"

JURGEN KLOPP

sorts Chelsea.

Graham Potter's men had the ball in the net after just three minutes when Havertz slotted in after Thiago Silva hit the post from a corner.

However, the German was ruled offside after a VAR review.

Cody Gakpo twice blazed over with Liverpool's two best sights of goal before the break, but it was the visitors who came closest to breaking the deadlock when Benoit Badiashile's header was well saved by Alisson Becker from another dangerous set-piece.

Klopp's half-time team talk had the desired impact as the home side came out on the front foot early in the second period.

Yet they failed to create a clear-cut chance as Gakpo and Naby Keita saw shots blocked inside the area.

Mudryk was made to wait for his debut, but the Ukrainian's

introduction 10 minutes into the second half sparked Chelsea into life as he fired into the side-netting after some quick footwork.

Darwin Nunez's arrival off the bench had a similar impact on the Liverpool attack, but the Uruguayan also failed to find a way through.

After a rampaging run, Nunez's shot lacked the power to beat Kepa Arrizabalaga before he teed up Alexander-Arnold to slice Liverpool's best chance of the game wide.

After stalemates in both last season's League and FA Cup finals, which Liverpool won on penalties, a third consecutive meeting between the sides ended goalless.



It is now three league games without a win for Liverpool in what was Jurgen Klopp's 1,000th game in management and his 250th in charge of the Merseyside club

Klopp keen to tie down Firmino, Milner to new contracts

AFP | London

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp wants Roberto Firmino and James Milner to extend their contracts at Anfield beyond the end of the season.

Firmino, 31, was a vital part of Liverpool's Premier League and Champions League wins under Klopp.

The Brazilian international has scored nine times in 21 appearances this season but looks to have been pushed down the pecking order in the longer term by the arrivals of Darwin Nunez and Cody Gakpo.

"Bobby knows the situation here and what we think of him," said Klopp.

"He is really important, the link-up, in tight areas having a player with his footballing intelligence, you can develop the game from here.

"He is unselfish and you don't get that very often. Great player.



James Milner of Liverpool celebrates after scoring his team's second goal with teammate Roberto Firmino (file photo)

"I don't know 1,000 percent what his plans are. Maybe someone else will offer him something better?"

Klopp dismissed claims earlier this week that he is "too loyal" to some of his stalwarts but believes Milner, who turned

37 earlier this month, also still has plenty to offer on and off the pitch.

"It is not that Milly expects to play 64 games a season but in 64 games a season Milly could be extremely important," added Klopp.



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"I am pretty sure the club should use his character and his mindset because it is really special.

"There might be more fancy players out there but no one with a similar mindset and that makes him incredibly valuable for us."

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Djokovic defies injury in Australian Open win but Murray bows out

Aryna Sabalenka storms into last-16 Melbourne showdown with Belinda Bencic

Banana power puts Rublev into Rune clash

AFP | Melbourne

Novak Djokovic's hamstring just about held up as the hot favourite battled into the Australian Open last 16 yesterday, but Andy Murray's heroic run is over.

Hard-hitting Aryna Sabalenka meanwhile burnished her title credentials as she barrelled through, along with several other women's seeds.

An ailing Djokovic had heavy strapping and needed treatment twice on his troublesome left hamstring before defeating Grigor Dimitrov 7-6 (9/7), 6-3, 6-4 on Rod Laver Arena.

The Serb will face home hope Alex de Minaur for a place in the quarter-finals as he closes on a 10th Melbourne Park crown and a record-equalling 22nd Grand Slam title.

"Obviously, I didn't know how I'm going to feel physically, it was going up and down," said Djokovic.

"It was an incredible battle, three sets over three hours. Let's rest up and prepare for the next



Novak Djokovic in action during his third round match against Grigor Dimitrov

one."

Djokovic's fellow 35-year-old Murray will not join him in the next round, however, as the Briton's 4:05 am finish eventually caught up with him.

Former number one Murray was clearly feeling the effects of his epic five-setter in round two, which started on Thursday but ended in the early hours of Friday.

The 24th-seeded Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut won 6-1, 6-7 (7/9), 6-3, 6-4 and faces un-

seeded Tommy Paul of the United States.

"I gave everything that I had the last three matches -- I'm very proud of that," said Murray.

"But I'm also disappointed because I put loads of work into the beginning of this year and was playing well enough to have a really good run, have a deep run."

Also in the men's draw, fifth seed Andrey Rublev surged into a clash with Holger Rune -- then thanked his beaten opponent Dan Evans for giving him a ba-

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nana mid-match.

The Russian crushed the Briton 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 to make the fourth round for a third time.

He will face Danish teenager Rune for a place in the quarter-finals after the ninth seed survived a nasty fall to sweep past unseeded Frenchman Ugo Humbert 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7/5).

His friend and 25th seed Evans threw a banana to Rublev at a changeover when he ran out.

"I didn't ask him, I asked the ball boy, but Danny asked for bananas earlier and he had two so he just said 'take it', and I caught it," said Rublev.

In two all-American matches, Jeffrey Wolf strolled past Michael Mmoh in three sets while



In a heartwarming act of mid-match sportsmanship, Dan Evans shared a banana with rival Andrey Rublev in the first set of their Australian Open third-round encounter on Margaret Court Arena

Paul made equally light work of Jenson Brooksby.

Ominous Sabalenka

Sabalenka is building a head of steam in her pursuit of a first Grand Slam title.

The Belarusian fifth seed blew away 26th-seeded Elise Mertens 6-2, 6-3 to set up a clash with Olympic champion Belinda Bencic.

Thirtieth seed Karolina Pliskova and 23rd seed Zhang Shuai also went through in straight sets on day six at Melbourne Park, and will clash in the fourth

round.

Sabalenka is trying not to get carried away.

The Minsk-born 24-year-old teased the Margaret Court Arena crowd for supporting Belgium's Mertens over her, but said she was enjoying the ride into the second week.

"About the favourite, that I am on that favourite list... I mean, it's really good that I'm there," said the Belarusian, who is yet to drop a set.

"But I better focus on myself, on my game, make sure that my dream will happen."

Bencic has also not dropped a set in Melbourne. The Swiss 12th seed eased past unseeded Italian Camila Giorgi 6-2, 7-5.

Also into the fourth round is the 17-year-old Linda Fruhvirtova, who beat her fellow Czech Marketa Vondrousova in three sets. She faces Donna Vekic of Croatia.

"It feels pretty surreal," the teenager told reporters.

"It's an incredible feeling. I'm just so happy and excited to be able to say: 'Hi second week!'"

French fourth seed Caroline Garcia fought back after a disastrous first set to beat world number 158 Laura Siegemund 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Zhang wishes WTA could return to China

AFP | Barcelona

Chinese number one Zhang Shuai hopes the WTA tour can return to her country this season as it opens up after abandoning the "zero-COVID" policy but said the Peng Shuai issue was out of

her control.

Former WTA player Peng accused a senior Chinese government official of sexual assault in 2021 in a post on social media that was soon removed from the country's internet.

She later denied having made

the accusation.

Peng's post caused an international outcry over her safety and led the WTA to suspend tournaments in China - a decision expected to cost the women's tour hundreds of millions of dollars in broadcasting and sponsorship.



Zhang Shuai

'Nothing changes' for Allegri despite Juve points deduction



Juventus' coach Massimiliano Allegri reacts next to Leandro Paredes (L)

Italy's Juventus docked 15 points for transfer deals

Reuters | Turin

Massimiliano Allegri said yesterday that nothing had changed for his Juventus team despite the Serie A club being hit with a massive points deduction for using transfers to artificially boost their balance sheet.

Juve were docked 15 points by the Italian Football Federation on Friday evening, pushing them down from third to 10th in Serie A and greatly compromising their chances of making next season's Champions League.

Allegri's team face Atalanta on Sunday night 12 points from the top four as the season reaches its halfway point, and the coach tried to deflect questions on the impact Friday's ruling would have on their

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MASSIMILIANO ALLEGRI

campaign, and players. "We need to close the first half of the season in the best way possible, after yesterday we need to stay tight as a group, keep our heads down and work... we can only think about what happens on the pitch," Allegri told reporters.

"Nothing changes, we need to get points, tomorrow will be difficult because Atalanta are playing well and in good shape... We need to take it one step at a time."

Rohit lauds pace bowlers as India clinch ODI series

AFP | New Delhi

Skipper Rohit Sharma yesterday hailed India's seam bowlers after the hosts hammered New Zealand by eight wickets to clinch the series in the second one-day international.

Pace spearhead Mohammed Shami returned figures of 3-18 to help dismiss the Black Caps for 108 after India elected to bowl first in Raipur.

Rohit made 51 as India romped home in 20.1 overs to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

And the captain said his bowlers had made an impression with their seam movement at home since the recent ODI sweep of Sri Lanka when Mohammed Siraj led the charge with nine wickets.

"These last five games (including three against Sri Lanka), bowlers have really stepped up," Rohit said after the win.

"You expect that kind of bowling, that kind of seam movement outside India. But these guys have got a lot of skills, they have been working on that for all this while and you could see the re-



Mohammed Shami takes a return catch to dismiss Daryl Mitchell

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ward."

Indian pitches are known to be spin-friendly, in contrast to wickets in Australia and England where fast bowlers have a bigger role.

At the toss Rohit took a while to announce his decision to field, and told the presenter he "forgot" about the team call.

But things soon turned serious when Shami struck in the first over and with his fellow quicks had the tourists reeling

at 15-5 by the 11th over.

"I feel that the more you work with the ball in practice, the more success will come," said man of the match Shami.

"As a new-ball bowler, it's important to assess the conditions and pass the message quickly to the other bowlers as well."

Glenn Phillips made 36 as he combined with the middle- and lower-order batsmen including Michael Bracewell (22) and Mitchell Santner (27) to take the total past 100, but the innings lasted only 34.3 overs.



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Abdulqader wins first event of showjumping season

TDT | Manama

Mahmood Abdulqader won the grand prize in the first round of Bahrain's 2023 showjumping season, held at the Military Federation Arena in Riffa.

The primary event of the meeting featured fierce competition, with Abdulqader clocking 35.40 seconds to emerge as the victor comfortably.

Mayoof Al Rumaihi of the Ministry of Interior, who battled it out with Abdulqader for first place, finished second after finishing one second behind. Hamad Fakhrawi came third. The class included 125cm/135cm hurdles.

Shaikh Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice Head of the Show-



Winners from the round with their trophies

jumping Committee at Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) crowned Abdulqader after the event.

Commenting on this, Shaikh Abdul-

lah praised the strong displays showcased by the participants in the main contest, valuing the support of HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of BREEF, to showjumping.

The first round consisted of various other competitions.

Fadel Al Haddad won the third contest which was for first-level amateurs. The event included 100cm/105cm hurdles and Al Haddad posted a time of 36.15s to win the event flawlessly.

Mayoof Al Rumaihi was second again after completing his round in 38.53s, while third place went to Hassan Al Boosta who crossed the finish in 39.98s.

Al Rumaihi also jumped to victory in the fourth competition after clocking 51.20s, while veteran showjumper Sami Ghazwan was the winner of the fifth event, posting a time of 43.58s.

The fourth competition featured 105cm/115cm hurdles, while the fifth included 115cm/125cm hurdles.



A contestant in action during the round

Bahrain drawn in tough group for beach soccer Asian Cup



Bahrain's beach soccer team in their previous tournament (file photo)

● Bahrainis set to play Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and hosts Thailand in preliminary stage

● Tournament set to take place in Pattaya, Thailand from 16 to 26 March with 16 teams

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's national beach soccer team have been drawn in a tough group for the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup 2023.

The sport's leading continental event is scheduled to take place in Pattaya, Thailand from 16 to 26 March.

The draw was held virtually from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) House in Kuala Lumpur. The nationals were represented by Bahrain Football Association officials Mohammed Al Ajmi and Bader Shamsan.

A total of 16 nations from across Asia are taking part. They have been divided into

four groups of four teams apiece. Aside from regional glory, the top three teams will qualify for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup UAE 2023.

Bahrain have been drawn in Group A alongside hosts Thailand, Afghanistan and fellow-Gulf side Saudi Arabia.

The nationals are scheduled to open their campaign on the tournament's first day against the Afghans. They will then take on their Saudi counterparts on 18 March, after which they play the Thais on 20 March.

The top two teams from each of the four pools move on to the quarter-finals.

This year's competition marks the 10th edition of the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup. Bahrain were the tournament's first-ever champions in 2006, but have not won again since. They were the silver-medallists in the 2009 event.

The nationals have appeared in all but one of the previous championships. After Japan won the last time the cup was held in 2019, the 2021 edition was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Groups

Group A: Thailand, Bahrain, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia

Group B: UAE, IR Iran, Malaysia, Uzbekistan

Group C: Japan, Lebanon, China PR, Indonesia

Group D: Oman, Palestine, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic

Bahrain bow to Egypt in handball worlds

Kingdom's senior men's national handball team put up spirited fight against African giants in penultimate main round fixture of 28th IHF Men's Handball World Championship

● Ali Mirza finishes as Bahrain's leading scorer in game with six goals

● Bahrainis return to playing court tomorrow to face Croatia at 8pm

TDT | Manama

Bahrain went down fighting 22-26 to Egypt last night at the 28th International Handball Federation (IHF) Men's Handball World Championship, currently being co-hosted by Poland and Sweden.

The game was played at Malmö Arena in the Swedish city of Malmö. It was the Bahrainis' penultimate fixture in Group IV of the tournament's main round.

The nationals were handed their second loss on the standings to go with two wins, but they have virtually been eliminated from contention for the quarter-finals. Their fate also depends on the scores from the



Bahrain skipper Hussain Al Sayyad looks to evade his defenders as he goes for goal against Egypt last night

other divisional fixtures late last night.

Egypt claimed their fourth win and remained in first place on the Group IV table.

The Bahrainis were the heavy underdogs heading into their clash with the African giants, but put in a spirited fight late in the contest as they battled until the final buzzer.

Bahrain did well to stand toe-to-toe with their rivals for the game's opening minutes and even took an 8-7 lead with a Qassim Qambar penalty shot. But the Egyptians replied with four unanswered goals and the nationals made only one more conversion before the interval to head into the locker rooms down 9-13.

In the second half, Egypt were the aggressors and went ahead by as many as seven, including after a Mohammad Sanad effort that made it 23-16 with less than 10 minutes to play.

But Bahrain had one last push left in them and went on a furious 5-1 rally with goals from Ali Mirza, Mohammed Mirza, three straight from skipper Hussain Al Sayyad, and then another



Bahrain fell behind by as many as seven goals in the second half against Egypt, but fought back in the closing minutes and got to within three, although no closer

from Mohammed Mirza to get to within 21-24 with over four minutes still remaining.

The Egyptians, however, were able to maintain their poise and a penalty shot from Sanad pegged the final score and to seal their four-goal winning margin.

Ali Mirza finished as the team's leading scorer with six goals, while Al Sayyad and Mohammed Habib Mohammed finished with four goals apiece.

Qambar contributed three goals in the loss while Ali Eid scored two. Mohammed Mirza, Hassan Mirza and Mujtaba Alzaimoor rounded off Bahrain's scorers with a goal apiece.

Egypt's Yehia Elderaa paced their team with five goals, while Sanad, Akram Saad and Ali Mohamed all finished with four. Goalkeeper Karim Henawy made 16 saves against the Bahrainis, which earned him the Player of the Match award.

Bahrain return to the playing court tomorrow for their final main round contest. They will be taking on Croatia in a game scheduled for an 8pm start, Bahrain time.

The nationals are hoping to finish in the top two of Group IV to advance to the round of eight, but their chances have reduced following their loss yesterday.



Bahrain's Mohammed Habib Mohammed tries to battle past Egypt's Hassan Kaddah during last night's clash

Group IV standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Egypt	4	4	0	0	37	8
Denmark	3	2	1	0	30	5
Bahrain	4	2	0	2	-8	4
Croatia	3	1	1	1	9	3
Belgium	3	0	0	3	-22	0
US	3	0	0	3	-42	0

(table not including last night's results of Croatia vs Belgium and US vs Denmark)